Forgiveness was the rule, not the exception at the Colosseum. The emperor could have a gladiator executed by putting his thumb down for a gladiator. The gladiators were more likely to die from deep wounds than the emperor’s thumb being down. There were trumpets, horns, and organs at the Colosseum. The music was used to tell when a wild animal was coming into the area or when the next fight would start. Gladiators were all slaves and criminals. Some gladiators were women, plenty of them were for parody. Some Romans signed up at gladiator school to become professionals at it. Gladiators who won were treated like celebrities. Sometimes famous women would have affairs with them. Gladiators fought both harmless and dangerous animals. The gladiators were very unlikely to die from a dangerous animal showing the gladiators were prepared. There is no evidence Christians were fed to lions at the Colosseum. If Christians were slaves in the Colosseum, the Christians were given training and weapons to fight the lions. Slaves could only buy their freedom after age 30. This was after the year 100. Gladiators were the first celebrities ever. Their sweat was used as skin care products. Children had clay action figures of them. This does not sound like the depiction Christians give at all. It isn’t the opposite though. It is a lottery, I personally would not want to be a slave in it, ever.